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1. [ ] David Martin in Senator Thomas Dodd's office advised that, using the information we had given him the day before, he had briefed Senator Dodd on the [ ] case and Mr. Kirkpatrick's talk with Chairman Eastland on the Cuban matter. In connection with [ ] Martin said Dodd was considering a stopover in New York Friday evening to have a personal talk [ ] Dodd said he thought this would be in the best interests of both the Agency and the Subcommittee. I advised Martin we would be glad to cooperate in any way on this. Martin did indicate that there was a question as to whether the Senator would be able to get away in view of quorum calls on the civil rights bill on Friday or Saturday.

Later in the day Martin advised that since the Senate would be in session on Saturday, the Senator would be unable to make the New York stopover this weekend but still planned to have a meeting [ ] as soon as possible.

2. [ ] Congressman Charles Bennett called to say that a [ ] for whom he had the highest regard had been in touch with him concerning reports which he had received on questionable associations of [ ] Bennett said this had been brought to his attention in view of his membership on the CIA Subcommittee. He was calling us to ask who he should pass this information on to. I suggested that since this was an internal U. S. matter it should be brought to the attention of the FBI. However, I indicated that if for any reason he wished further assistance from us not to hesitate to call. The Congressman thanked me for the assistance.

3. [ ] I advised George Murphy on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy that we would be pleased to meet with him and Mr. Conway to go over the investigative reports on [ ] an Agency employee who is being considered for employment by the JCAE. (Murphy had previously advised me that it would be perfectly acceptable to Conway for us to withhold information of an internal security nature including material on the polygraph examination and that the review of the investigative reports could be made on the spot with the documents returned to the Agency by us.) Mr. Osborne will accompany us to a meeting with Murphy on Monday.

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25X1 4. [ ] In response to a request for  
information from Mrs. Mary I. King, Secretary to Congressman George  
M. Rhodes (D., Pa.), concerning the employment application of [ ]  
25X1 [ ] I advised that [ ] was interviewed  
on 20 February, that her professional test scores had been received  
and her file is being shopped by our placement office for possible  
employment. In response to Mrs. King's request, I advised that we  
would keep the Congressman's office up to date on the progress of  
this application.

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25X1 5. [ ] Mrs. Phyllis Plotrow in the office of  
Senator Kenneth B. Keating called and asked if we could give her the  
most recent unclassified figure on the number of Soviet troops in Cuba.  
After checking with Mr. Lehman in OCI, I advised Mrs. Plotrow that  
the most recent open reference on this was by General Wheeler in January  
of this year to a reserve officers' meeting in which he used the figure  
4,000 to 7,000. I advised Mrs. Plotrow that we considered this to be a  
reasonable order of magnitude.

25X1 6. [ ] I delivered the Director's letter  
to Mr. Cannon who directed that a copy be provided to each member of  
the Committee so that he might meet with them on this matter during  
the coming week. Mr. Cannon indicated that he preferred to retain the  
letter himself and would not need our facilities for safekeeping. He  
indicated further that he would be meeting again with the Agency as soon  
as possible but did not commit himself as to date. He indicated that  
there is a very heavy press of Committee business at this time.

In briefing Mr. Mahon on the above, he indicated he did not  
desire to keep a copy in his office but would like it made available to  
him at the time of the next hearing.

In briefing Mr. Bow, he indicated he did not care to keep such  
material in his office. He did request if possible, however, to meet  
with someone on Monday with regard to the item concerning communica-  
tions facilities. He stated that the State Department had a fairly sizable  
item which will be coming up for mark up on Wednesday. He noted in

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State Department budget. His interest would appear to be whether any duplication might exist. I stated that I would arrange a meeting for the Congressman, [redacted] and myself on Monday if possible.

Mr. Ford indicated after reading the latter that he would appreciate a copy on Monday.

Mr. Sheppard's office was closed this afternoon. Attempt will be made to meet with him on Monday.

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